

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 3 as follows.

Claims 1 and 2. (Cancelled).

3. (Currently Amended) An information recording/reproducing device for at least one of recording information on and reproducing information from a disc-like recording medium ~~housed in~~, comprising:

a disc cartridge housing the recording medium, with the disc cartridge comprising a case main body having a housing part for housing the recording medium, with the housing part having an exterior surface, an aperture that allows a light beam to enter from an optical pickup that is provided to at least one principle plane of the case main body, a thin bridge part provided to the aperture, which is thinner than a cartridge case and located closer to the exterior surface than the recording medium, and a shutter for opening and closing the aperture, wherein ~~the thin bridge part is disposed at a position farther from the optical pickup than a surface of the recording medium which is on a side to be irradiated with the light beam in a state in which the disc cartridge is mounted to an information recording/reproducing device;~~ the information recording/reproducing device comprising:

a turntable for rotating the recording medium;

an optical pickup that emits a light beam to the recording medium so as to at least one of record and reproduce the information, and which moves to/retracts from the aperture of the disc cartridge;

a mechanism for moving the optical pickup in an in-plane direction of the recording medium, and

an objective lens located farther from the exterior surface than the recording medium,

wherein in at least one of a case where the recording medium is to be mounted to the turntable together with the disc cartridge, and a case where the recording medium is to be removed from the turntable together with the disc cartridge, the objective lens is retracted into a position opposite to the thin bridge part of the disc cartridge.